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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Baker Healthcare Consulting, Inc.			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported One American Square, Suite 2000, Box 82058			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) Indianapolis IN 46282 City: State/zip (or Country)			
4. Contact Name Dale E. Baker	Telephone (317) 631-3613	E-mail (optional) bakerhealthcare@yahoo.com	5. Senate ID # 5164
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Centers			6. House ID # 33560

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-Dec

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇨ Termination Date 6/30/04

11. No Lobbyin

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033 Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(c) Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature Dale E Baker Date August 23, 2004

Printed Name and Title Dale E. Baker, President

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Registrant Name Baker Healthcare Consulting, Inc. Client Name St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Centers

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant is engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code and information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

See attached

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Senate
House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Dale E. Baker	
John C. Render, Esq.	
Robert Grand, Esq.	
William Moreau, Esq.	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature Dale E. Baker Date 8-23-04

Printed Name and Title Rale E. Baker President

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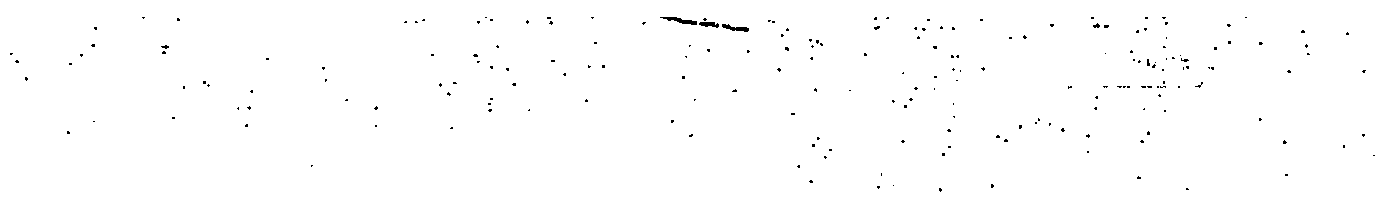
COUNTYWIDE RECLASSIFICATION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 1989 Congress established the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board specifically instructed the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide for countywide reclassifications. CMS promulgated regulations limiting counties eligible for these reclassifications to a county included in a list that is a part of a CMSA (a short list of counties adjacent to large urban areas such as Chicago, New York City and Los Angeles. Accordingly, CMS established criteria to demonstrate that countywide costs are "comparable" to the area to which the county seeks redesignation. CMS chose to develop formulas comparing countywide costs per discharge to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) rates that hospitals were paid in both the home geographic area and secondarily the rate they would be paid if the hospitals were reclassified. If the countywide cost per case exceeded the base rate plus 75% of the difference between the base rate and the reclassification rate then the county hospitals met this criteria for reclassification. CMS used *rates as a proxy* for costs.

In FFY 1995 twenty-three counties were granted countywide reclassifications. Starting in 1996, the number of countywide reclassifications began to plummet because the relation of costs to rates has changed over time. The site of care has shifted to outpatient for many services and hospitals have greatly expanded the outpatient units. Also, many hospitals have opened post acute care units (SNF, psych, rehab, home health) and now allocate fixed overhead costs to these newer units instead of the fixed costs being fully absorbed by the inpatient PPS unit. The result of this is that counties are denied reclassification simply because of the change in how medicine is practiced in the twenty-first century compared to earlier years.

In 1999, Congress granted two-year reclassifications in Section 152 of the EBRA to counties (Lake County, Indiana; Butler County, Ohio; Brazoria County, Texas; and Orange County, New York) that could no longer meet the countywide criteria. Through administrative action CMS extended these reclassifications through September 30, 2003.

These "Section 152 hospitals" are seeking either a permanent reclassification or a renewal of the earlier reclassifications.



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DALE E. BAKER
PRESIDENT

January 11, 2005

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232 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: St. Anthony Medical Center (5164-431)
St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare (5164-378)

Dear Sir or Madame:

This is in response to your letters dated December 6, 2004 regarding the lobbying r
for the above-mentioned facilities.

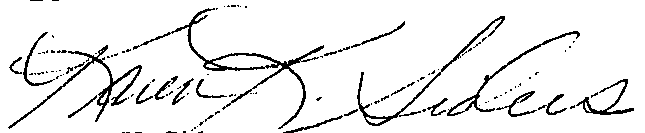
In researching our files for St. Anthony Medical Center of Crown Point, Indiana, w
found that we inadvertently missed sending a midyear report for this facility. This was not
intentionally and we apologize for the error and any inconvenience it has caused. Please n
that this is a termination report for St. Anthony Medical Center as of June 30, 2004.

Also enclosed, upon your request, is a copy of the midyear report for St. Margaret
Healthcare. Please note that this report was previously filed with your office and with the
of the House of Representatives in August of 2004. This is also a termination report for St
Margaret Mercy.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and please do not hesitate to c
us if we may be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

BAKER HEALTHCARE CONSULTING, I



Karen K. Siders
Assistant to the President

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ENCLOSURES

cc: House of Representatives